Invasive Aquatic Plants & Their Other Names
Wisconsin Regulated Species

This document highlights some of the alternate names (synonyms and misnomers) that have been used for some of the more common invasive aquatic plants. These species are PROHIBITED invasive species under the Invasive Species Rule, Wisc. Adm. Code Ch. NR 40. These plants may not be transferred (bought or sold), transported, possessed or introduced without an invasive species permit from the Wisconsin DNR. Visit: dnr.wi.gov, keyword: "invasives" for more information.

Do Not Sell These Species

Cabomba, *Cabomba caroliniana*

Photo by Ann Murray

Opposite, fan-like leaves

Cabomba aquatica	Carolina fanwort
Cabomba australis	Carolina water-shield
Cabomba caroliniana var. *caroliniana*	Fish-grass
Cabomba caroliniana var. flavida	Green cabomba
Cabomba caroliniana var. *pulcherrima*	Purple cabomba
Cabomba pulcherrima	Silver-green cabomba
Cabomba viridifoium	Washington grass
Nectris caroliniana	Washington plant

Parrot feather, *Myriophyllum aquaticum*

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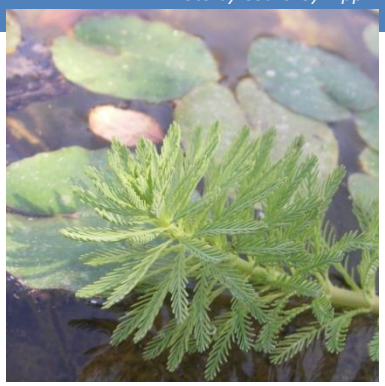

Whorls 4-6, 6-30 segments on each leaf

Enydria aquatica	Brazilian water-milfoil
Myriophyllum brasiliense	Red-stemmed parrots feather
Myriophyllum brasiliensis	Thread-of-life
Myriophyllum brasiliensis var. *spiralis*	Water-feather
Myriophyllum proserpinacoides	

Brazilian waterweed, *Egeria densa*

Photo by Ann Murray

Whorls of 4-8, Serrate margins

Anacharis densa	Anacharis
Elodea densa	Brazillian elodea
Elodea densa var. *longifolia*	Common waterweed
Philotria densa	Elodea
	South American waterweed
	Wide-leaf anacharis

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Oxygen-weed, *Lagarosiphon major*

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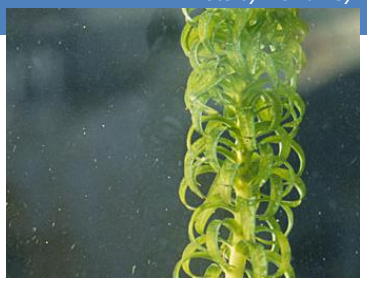

Alternate curled leaves

Anacharis crispa	African elodea
Anacharis crispus	African waterweed
Elodea crispa	Curly waterweed
Elodea crispus	Lagarosiphon
Lagarosiphon muscoides	

Hydrilla, *Hydrilla verticillata*

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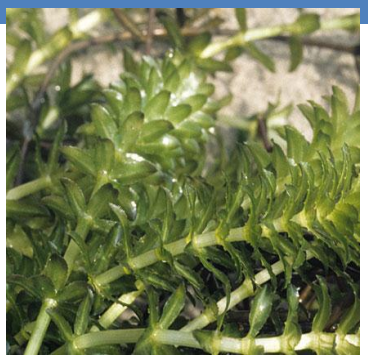

Whorls of 5, toothed lower midrib

Hydrilla asiatica	Esthwaite waterweed
Hydrilla japonica	Florida elodea
Hydrilla lithuanica	Oxygen weed
Hydrilla ovalifolica	Waterthyme
Hydrilla verticillata var. *brevifolia*	
Hydrilla verticillata var. *cripsa*	
Hydrilla verticillata var. *roxburghii*	
Hydrilla verticillata var. *tenuis*	

Yellow floating heart, *Nymphoides peltata*

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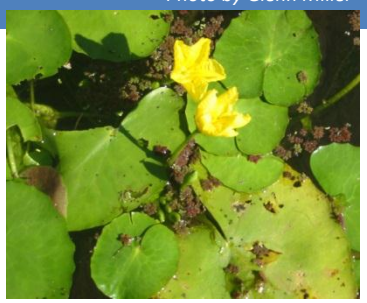

Wavy margin, 5 petals

Limnanthemum peltatum	Entire marshwort
Menyanthes nymphoides	Floating heart
Nymphoides flava	Fringed water lily
Nymphoides natans	
Nymphoides nymphaeoides	
Villarsia nymphoides	

European frogbit, *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*

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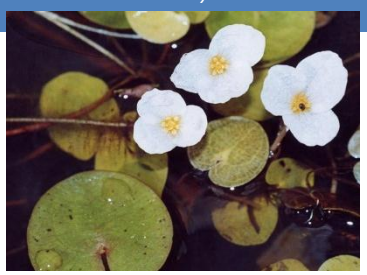

Leaves 1-2 in. wide, 3 petals

Hydrocharis morsus-ranae var. *asiatica*	Common frogbit
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae f. terrestris	Frog's-bit

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